Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 15 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 16 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 14 Dec 2021 at 15:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for southward extent of brighter conditions on Wednesday. Then high for dry and settled conditions thereafter but low for extent of any low cloud on a daily basis.

Headline for Wednesday 15 Dec 2021: North dry and bright, south cloudy with a little drizzle.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 15 Dec 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	60%	20%	20%	20%	30%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 15 Dec 2021

Weather: Lochaber, Argyll and the Trossachs will see rain during the hours of darkness, this becoming heavy for a time. Dry and clearer weather will develop here by the end of the morning followed by a dry and sunny afternoon.
Dull weather with some light rain at times will persist throughout the day across Arran and southern Kintyre. Some patchy light rain will spread into the Trossachs and southern Argyll in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance in the south. 80% in the north

Visibility: Poor in low cloud down to 500 metres quite widely at first, this steadily becoming confined to the south by the end of the morning. Then very good visibility in the north by afternoon. Low cloud will return northwards in the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	47/61 SW	43/57 SW	37/49 SW	30/41 SW	27/36 SW	24/32 SW	22/28 SW	19/24 S	19/25 S
900	31/44 SW	28/41 SW	26/38 SW	22/32 SW	18/27 W	16/23 W	13/19 SW	13/19 SW	13/19 S
600	41/54 SW	37/49 SW	31/43 SW	23/33 SW	19/27 SW	16/24 SW	14/20 SW	13/19 S	13/19 S
300	22/35 SW	20/33 SW	18/30 SW	14/24 SW	10/17 SW	8/13 SW	7/11 S	8/12 S	7/12 S
Glen	18/36 SW	17/34 SW	15/31 SW	12/25 SW	7/17 SW	6/13 SW	5/11 SW	5/10 S	6/13 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	3/-6	3/-5	4/-4	3/-3	1/-6	0/-6	0/-6	0/-5	1/-5
900	4/-2	5/-1	5/-0	5/-0	4/-2	3/-2	2/-2	2/-2	2/-2
600	7/0	7/1	7/2	7/3	6/2	6/1	5/1	5/1	5/2
300	8/4	8/4	9/5	9/6	8/6	8/6	7/5	7/5	7/6
Glen	10/6	10/7	10/7	10/8	10/8	9/8	8/7	8/7	9/7
Freezing Level*	2200m	2100m	2000m	1700m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1600m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Summit gales gradually moderating through the morning. Note the significant drop in freezing level across northern Argyll and Lochaber in the afternoon with a risk of icy surfaces developing. Elsewhere freezing level expected to remain above summit level.

Forecast for Thursday 16 Dec 2021

Weather: A lot of low cloud expected through the day, some light and patchy rain at first. Some brighter spells possible across the more eastern Trossachs, and perhaps the south.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 20 to 25 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance in the east

Visibility: Poor in low cloud down to 500 metres, locally good in any clearer weather in the south and east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to 8 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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